

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER  
170 GOLDEN MEMBER BANQUET  
ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet, which will take place on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

The Croatian Fraternal Union will hold its biennial gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved at least fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained golden membership include the following individuals: Leslie G. Aulie, Valentine W. Bahun II, Edmund Bartowski, David Charles Batusic, Shirley Marie Blaney, Magdalene Douchette, Marlene B. Dravet, Richard Wayne Falatic, Corrine L. Fandrei, Michael W. Farrenkopf, Barbara Ann Glutting, Cheryl L. Gognski, George J. Haralovich, Peter P. Haralovich, Margaret Ispas-Hennessey, Katica Kirincic, Stjepan Kirincic, Andrew A. Klobuchar, Suzanne Kolodziej, Donald Kometz, Linda Kronberg, Carol Elaine Licari, Ana Listar, Gregory Livovich, Doris J. Loggins, Nicholas Scott Malich, Harold A. Mathews, Charles W. Mauder, Donna Lynn Mauder, Gerald Michael Medved, Susan Irene Meges, Yvonne M. Miller, Frank Joseph Mosca Jr., Mildred Preiboy, Barbara A. Saunders, Jeffrey Jon Sikora, Richard Allen Stiak, Nicholas S. Svetich, Tina Svetich, Vladimir Tadej, Joseph George Tropsich, Gerald Joseph Unmisig, and Barbara J. Zurawski.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all members of the Croatian Fraternal Union, Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

REMEMBERING BAXTER LEACH

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Baxter Leach, a hero of the historic 1968 Sanitation Workers Strike that brought Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Memphis, where he was assassinated. Mr. Leach, 79, passed away on August 27. Born

on September 12, 1939, in Schlater (Leflore County), Mississippi, he worked as a sharecropper from the age of 12. He came to Memphis for a better life, took a job no one wanted for starvation wages, and ended up making history. In 1968, Mr. Leach helped organize sanitation workers for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)-backed strike protesting the inhumane working conditions that resulted in two sanitation workers being crushed to death inside a garbage truck compactor. This was a significant event in the civil rights movement and drew national attention to the poor working conditions of sanitation employees in the South. He was always generous with his time, keeping the memory of the strike, Dr. King's assassination and its aftermath alive for students, labor historians and visitors to the historic Lorraine Motel which has been transformed into the National Civil Rights Museum. He often quoted Proverbs 22: "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver or gold." Mr. Leach was a voice for the dignity of all workers and an advocate for civil rights and equality. Just last year, he received the National Civil Rights Museum's Freedom Award and played a prominent role in the MLK50 events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the strike and Dr. King's assassination. In addition to his Freedom Award, Mr. Leach received the keys to the cities of Memphis and Jackson, Tennessee, and received recognition from Operation PUSH, the National Action Network, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the University of Memphis School of Law, Cossitt and Benjamin L. Hooks Libraries, and the Henry Logan Starks "Lighting Our World" Award from Memphis Theological Seminary. In 2011, he joined all the living 1968 sanitation workers in being inducted into the White House Hall of Fame by President Obama. On that same visit, he and his fellow strikers were inducted into the U.S. Department of Labor's Hall of Honor by Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. Often sought out as a guest speaker, he typically finished his speeches with the unforgettable motto of the picketing strikers' placards: "I AM A MAN." When he retired in 2005, Mr. Leach had worked for the City of Memphis for 43 years. In 1984, he and his wife, Jimmie, established Melanie's Soul Food Restaurant which served the Mid-South until it was destroyed by fire in 2012. Melanie's was one of the absolute best soul food restaurants, and Mr. Leach served pastors and community leaders like they were royalty. After the disastrous fire, he and Jimmie established Girlee's, another great soul food restaurant. By the end of his life, he had worked with presidents, union organizers, academics and a wide circle of admirers. At his funeral on Saturday, AFSCME International president Lee Saunders said that, even though he never finished high school, talking with Mr. Leach made you feel good about yourself, a rare quality. He also called Mr. Leach a bold pioneer and a steadfast and true trade unionist, and a friend. Retired AFSCME secretary-treasurer Bill Lucy,

who saw the 1968 strike to its successful conclusion, spoke of Leach's work improving working conditions and said a part of Leach's character was to never quit. Mr. Lucy also said Mr. Leach was "one of a group of men who made the decision to change the course of history." Mr. Leach was a big man physically but he was also a big man in every facet of his personality—in heart, courage, generosity and integrity. I wish to extend my deep condolences to Baxter Leach's family and friends. America has lost a true hero. His was a life well lived.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1420, the Energy Efficient Government Technology Act (Roll no. 515), I would have voted "aye."

Additionally, had I been present for the vote to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1768, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2019 (Roll call no. 516), I would have voted "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF KELSEY KOLOJECHICK ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Kelsey Kolojchick. This year, Kelsey was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame on August 11, 2019 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of field hockey.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

At Wyoming Seminary, Kelsey was a standout, three sport athlete on the swimming, soccer, and field hockey teams. As a four year midfielder starter, she helped her school earn two state championships and three district championships. In 2008, she was named Player of the Year by both the Citizens Voice and Times Leader newspapers, Sem's Outstanding Female Athlete, First Team All-State and All-American. She ended her high school career with a record 87 wins and 5 losses.

Kelsey then moved on to the University of North Carolina where she was a four-year starter for the Tar Heels, never missing a game in her career. She helped lead UNC to

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a national championship. She was named First Team All-ACC three years and was the first player at UNC to be named First Team All-American all four years. During her junior year, she scored 23 goals which is a school record for the most goals scored in a season by a junior. Kelsey ended her collegiate career with a record of eighty-eight wins and nine losses.

Kelsey has competed at the highest level of the sport as a member of the United States Women's National Field Hockey Team. In 2016, she traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to compete at the Summer Olympic Games where her team placed fifth. During her time on the women's national team, she helped lead the team to gold medals at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada, the 2014 Champions Challenge in Glasgow, Scotland, and the 2013 World League Round 2 in Rio de Janeiro.

Kelsey has imparted her impressive knowledge of the sport by coaching players of all ages. Since 2018, Kelsey has served as the assistant field hockey coach at Harvard University where she coached the team to a record setting 17–2 season, the best finish in program history.

It is an honor to recognize Kelsey on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

NIPSCO LUMINARY AWARDS ON  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**  
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to commend the recipients of this year's NIPSCO Luminary Awards. The Luminary Awards were created to honor prominent individuals or organizations for their exemplary leadership. This year's honorees include Lisa M. Daugherty, NewAllen Alliance, Ivy Tech Valparaiso Campus Energy Technology Program, NICHES Land Trust, and Lake Station Fire and Rescue. For their outstanding contributions to their communities in Northwest Indiana and throughout the state, the honorees will be recognized at a ceremony on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at NiSource Corporate Headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana.

Lisa M. Daugherty, president and chief executive officer of Lake Area United Way, is this year's recipient of the Community Leadership Award. Throughout the years, Lake Area United Way has been a beacon of hope for the community of Northwest Indiana. For her remarkable dedication to public and social service, Lisa M. Daugherty is worthy of the highest praise.

The recipient of this year's Environmental Stewardship Award is NICHES Land Trust. The organization has been protecting, restoring, and sustaining West-Central Indiana's ecosystems since 1995. We are truly grateful for their conservation efforts throughout many communities in Indiana and for providing enjoyment and gratitude of nature for generations to come.

The Education Award will be presented to the Ivy Tech Valparaiso Campus Energy

Technology Program. Students enrolled in the Energy Technology Program learn a variety of important and innovative technical skills of the future, including building and maintaining wind turbines and designing and installing solar photovoltaic systems. The program prepares students to achieve success, and we are truly thankful for their great work.

NewAllen Alliance is this year's recipient of the Economic Development Award. The organization works to create community and economic development plans that will foster new investment, job creation, and improved quality of life throughout the communities of East Allen County, Indiana.

Lake Station Fire and Rescue is the recipient of the Public Safety Award. This outstanding organization provides important public safety for the community of Lake Station and beyond. For their hard work, bravery, and charitable efforts, the firefighters, first responders, and volunteers are to be highly commended.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in commending these remarkable leaders and organizations. For their outstanding contributions to many communities throughout Indiana and their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents, each recipient is worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

CELEBRATING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF  
HALIFAX, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and commemoration of the 225th Anniversary of the founding of Halifax, Pennsylvania. Located in Dauphin County, Halifax was established in 1794 where the Armstrong Creek meets the Susquehanna River. It was incorporated as the Borough of Halifax on May 29, 1875, and named after the nearby Fort Halifax, a Pennsylvania stronghold in the French and Indian War.

Halifax is a community of hard work, strong values, and rooted in deep traditions that maintain its connection to its past, sustain it in the present, and prepare it to thrive well into the future. Halifax's community values—"Service Above Self"—have made it a vibrant and vital part of the fabric of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

Halifax will continue to flourish and to serve as a model of "communities done right" for generations to come.

To our friends and neighbors in Halifax, and on behalf of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I congratulate the People of Halifax on their momentous milestone of this 225th Anniversary, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude for their long and continued history of contribution to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT'S 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit as they celebrate one hundred years of service to the immigrant communities of southeastern Michigan.

Since its founding in 1919, the International Institute has been at the forefront of creating a welcoming community to new immigrants to the Detroit area. Offering a wide array of services such as English and foreign language classes, immigration legal services, citizenship classes, education opportunities, and translation services has set itself apart as a trusted community resource. The International Institute has been accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice, Board of Immigration Appeals, since 1958. In 1990, The Institute was accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Service for Families and Children, Inc.

Beyond its many classes and services, the International Institute has truly created cross-cultural dialogue and is a significant community hub. The International Institute building today houses the award-winning International Cafe restaurant, "The Yunion" youth services, the Brush Park Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts, and more. The International Institute sponsors, along with the City of Southfield, the annual International Festival, an event that dates back to 1926. In addition, the Institute has a vast collection of ethnic and cultural artifacts, which are on display for visitors to enjoy. The collection includes flags from eighty-two countries, the Ethel Averbach International Doll Collection, the world's largest collection (over 2,500) of dolls dressed in native costumes from one hundred fifty countries, as well as the Wilkinson Model Ship Collection—scale models of ships, donated by Lawrence Scripps Wilkinson, which are replicas of ships on which immigrants came to the United States of America. The Institute was honored to receive in 2013 the Lucille and Marshall Miller International Artifact Collection.

Please join me in saluting the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit for its one hundred years of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor Monday, September 9, 2019 due to flight complications from heavy rainfall in Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have supported the passage of both bills considered on the floor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JARED POLLACK FOR RECEIVING THE SPORTS MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP FROM MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jared Pollack from Seven Lakes High School for receiving a Sports Medicine scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

Jared received this scholarship through distinguished service students provide through KISD athletic programs. For 12 years, Memorial Hermann Katy has awarded these scholarships to KISD students who are worthy of this recognition, and Jared rightfully earned this award. Jared is planning to continue his studies at Lone Star College. We wish him the best of luck in his future career.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Jared Pollack on receiving the Sports Medicine Scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

### HONORING DAVE KOEHLER

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Representative MIKE THOMPSON, in recognition of Dave Koehler on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 30 years of leading two of California's most successful land trusts.

Dave is a native of California who has been drawn to nature his entire life. During high school and college, Dave nurtured this passion by working in the summers for both the U.S. Forest Service and the California Division of Forestry. He later graduated from California State University, Fresno, in 1979, with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Biology.

In 1990, Dave became the executive director of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust. Under his leadership the organization developed and established phases of the San Joaquin River Parkway restoration. He was appointed coordinator of the San Joaquin River Partnership in 2009. This collaborative of fifteen organizations supported the goals authorized by Congress to restore salmon to a 130-mile portion of the river. In 2012, Dave was recognized by the Department of the Interior for his work on this historic river restoration project. Dave's leadership also led to the conservation of nearly 5,000 acres during this period of time.

Dave became the executive director for the Sonoma County Land Trust in 2015. Building on the organization's record of success, Dave oversaw the acquisition of several key properties while adding new areas of focus to the organization's overall mission. This included programming for Russian River watershed protection, expanding community conservation programs, and opening the organization's first public preserve. Under his leadership,

Sonoma County Land Trust has protected over 2,500 acres of open space and an additional 10,000 acres through the organization's active protection project pipeline. Dave also created a community programs department for the Land Trust that focuses on diversifying the organization's reach through programming targeted at people of color, young people, and families.

Madam Speaker, Dave Koehler has dedicated the majority of his professional life to the conservation and protection of our country's natural wealth. It is therefore appropriate that we recognize his accomplishments and service to the public today, on the occasion of his retirement from Sonoma Land Trust. Please join me in wishing him the best of luck on his future endeavors.

### HONORING THE 193RD SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING OF MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the outstanding men and women of the 193rd Special Operations Wing of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard for earning the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award—for the eighteenth time. This highly prestigious award recognizes the Wing's exceptionally meritorious service from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017.

During this period, 772 Airmen from the 193rd Special Operations Wing deployed in support of contingency operations overseas, advancing our military's effectiveness on the battlefield while protecting our Nation and our American way of life.

During the same period, the Wing also distinguished itself through its domestic operations; the unit is at the cutting edge in disaster relief capabilities. After Hurricane Harvey and again after Hurricane Maria, the Wing performed vital life-sustaining activities—working around the clock to deliver personnel and critical cargo to the affected areas and to restore communications to advance disaster relief efforts.

The Airmen of the 193rd Special Operations Wing consistently demonstrate excellence in their training and operations across our Nation and around the world. On behalf of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, we're honored to be the home of such a distinguished unit. I commend the Wing for earning the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award again, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to them for their hard work, tireless dedication and steadfast service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the University of Texas at Dal-

las on 50 years of educating students in North Texas. In 1969, Texas Governor Preston Smith signed legislation to officially establish the University of Texas at Dallas as part of the UT system.

Not only has UTD grown immensely in the last 50 years, but our community takes great pride in the universities tier one status. Today, UTD offers over 140 degrees, and helps young people follow their dreams by providing them with a top-notch education.

What was once vast prairie land has become a hub of higher learning and opportunity for students across the country.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the University of Texas at Dallas on a wonderful 5 decades of academic excellence.

### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JEREMY ALLEN VOYLES

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Allen Voyles, who passed while on duty on Wednesday, August 28th at the age of 33.

Deputy Sheriff Voyles, a resident of Houston, Mississippi, was Deputy Sheriff with the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department. He followed in the footsteps of his father, Houston Police Chief Billy Voyles, and had an 11-year career in law enforcement. During his five years with the Sheriff's Department, he worked as a Narcotics Agent with the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit. Deputy Sheriff Voyles had previously served with the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Audrey Voyles; his daughters—Lola and Arrington Voyles; his parents—Billy and Anita Voyles; and his siblings—Chasity Mincy, Tyler Voyles, and Corey Voyles. I am thankful for Deputy Sheriff Voyles' service to Mississippi. He will be greatly missed by his family, community, and all whom he encountered.

### IN HONOR OF BERNICE ROSENBLUM'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Bernice Rosenblum. Bernice was born on June 28, 1919, the oldest of 5 sisters. At 19 years of age, she traveled from her hometown of Vilna, Poland to the United States. On her journey from her home to the Warsaw train station, she met the man whom she would eventually marry, Jacob. They traveled together from Warsaw to the port of Poland and across the Atlantic, docking in New York City. They would later learn, they managed to get on the last boat leaving Poland before World War II broke out.

Jacob and Bernice initially lived apart: Jacob stayed in the New York area and Bernice traveled to Chicago. After a few years, Bernice

came to New York to marry Jacob, and they were happily married for over 50 years. In New York, they started their family, raising two children: Diana and Kenneth. Bernice is now the proud grandmother to four grandchildren and a beloved GG to six great-grandchildren.

Bernice is truly ahead of her time and is known for her determination, hard work and incredible work ethic. Bernice is an inspirational woman who always took pride in her work and always made time to give back to her community, including volunteering at NYU hospital in the rehabilitation room.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Bernice Rosenblum, and in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF WALTER FISK  
ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE  
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL  
OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Walter Fisk. This year, Walter was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame on August 11, 2019 for his distinct athletic achievements in the sport of wrestling.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Walter is a 1981 graduate of Lycoming College where he was captain of the wrestling team under the direction of the legendary National Wrestling Coach Hall of Fame Coach Bud Whitehall. After college, Walter began his coaching career at Sayre Youth Wrestling before taking the coaching post at Wyalusing Junior High. In 1986, he was named the head coach of the Wyalusing varsity wrestling team. Walter coached the Wyalusing Rams to 12 league championships, 9 Sectional, 6 District IV, and 6 Regional team titles. They also clinched the State Team Championship three times and were State Team runner-up twice. Alumni of his wrestling program include 83 Sectional, 27 District, and 21 Regional champions as well as 33 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) medalists, and 7 State champions. Six of those PIAA medals were earned by his sons, Josh and Matt.

In his tireless dedication to wrestling, Walter has held several leadership positions to promote the sport. During his tenure as head coach, he has been District IV Coaches' Association President, Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association (PWCA) President, Executive Committee member and Convention Committee Chair, National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NWCA) State Representative, BRUTE National Wrestling Tournament Event Director, and REACHES Executive Director and PWCA Convention Chairman.

In recognition for his superior and successful career, Walter has been inducted into the Sayre High School, Wyalusing High School, Northern Tier League, Northeast Section, Dis-

trict IV, PA Wrestling Coaches' and the National Wrestling Halls of Fame. In 1997, 1999, and 2000, Walter was named the PIAA State Wrestling Coach of the Year, and in 2000, he was recognized for his unparalleled leadership ability as the National High School Wrestling Coach of the Year. In 2004, he was honored as Pennsylvania Wrestling/Wrestling USA Man of the Year. When Walter retired as head coach in 2005, his career record at Wyalusing was 297–52–1. Unable to resist the draw of the mat and the quest for athletic success, he returned to coach the junior varsity team in 2011 and continues to do so today.

It is an honor to recognize Walter on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE MUSKINGUM IRON  
AND METAL COMPANY

**HON. TROY BALDERSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the time-honored work of Muskingum Iron and Metal Company, located in my hometown of Zanesville, Ohio. Ten days from now, on September 19th, the fourth-generation, family-operated scrap recycling facility will celebrate ninety years of serving Zanesville and the surrounding community.

For nine decades, Muskingum Iron and Metal has delivered on its promise to provide the highest level of quality, service, and integrity for its customers. The company's devotion to high standards and values is evident to everyone throughout our community.

Family owned-and-operated businesses like Muskingum Iron and Metal are foundational to the small communities that make up Ohio. Our state's vibrant economy could not survive without these family-run engines of innovation and job creation. Muskingum Iron and Metal represents the pinnacle of Ohio's small businesses, spurring growth and driving our economy forward.

Muskingum Iron and Metal can confidently attribute its nine successful decades in operation to the dedication and determination of its employees. I thank them for the company's longstanding influence within Zanesville, and for their part in propelling Ohio's economy and job market.

Today, Muskingum Iron and Metal can reflect on its honorable legacy and look forward to a prosperous future. I am confident its impact will continue to last for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE EDWARD LEONARD "SHOVELS" KOBESKY ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and North-

eastern Pennsylvania native, Edward Leonard "Shovels" Kobesky. This year, Shovels was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame at the 35th annual dinner on August 11, 2019 for his distinct athletic achievements in the sport baseball.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Shovels was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and received his nickname as a child because he was always carrying a pail with several small shovels. After playing high school and semi-professional baseball, Shovels joined the Bearded House of David barnstorming team. The House of David was a spiritual society which emphasized participation in sports, especially baseball, to foster spiritual and physical discipline. He then became a player and manager of the East Shore League Salisbury Cardinals. He led the league with nearly 20 home runs and helped them claim victory in the playoffs. After this impressive season, Shovels was promoted to Class A Elmira where he had a batting average of .289 and hit a career high of 11 triples.

In 1942, he was picked up by the Buffalo Bisons, the Triple-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays. As one of the most impressive minor league players of his time, Edward hit a .300 batting average eight times, including two consecutive seasons hitting .390. During his career, he had a batting average of .328, 26 home runs, and 129 RBIs. In 1943, he led the International League with 18 home runs. Between 1942 and 1944, he averaged over 24 homeruns.

As his career drew to a close, he moved to a class B team in New Jersey where he led the league managing an impressive .390 batting average and 21 homeruns. Following this standout season, he moved back up to Class A in 1949 to play with the Batavia Indians where he finished his career. In 1951, he hit a final grand-slam homerun in the bottom of the ninth, winning the game for Batavia. This grand-slam brought him the final win of his career.

Shovels developed lung cancer which caused him to watch the rest of his career from the bench. In 1952, at the age of 38, he died in Greenwood, PA. For his influence on the sport, the Class A PONY (Pennsylvania, Ontario, New York) League has since established the Kobesky Award in his honor.

It is an honor to recognize Shovels on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD FRANCIS WOOD

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. Donald Francis Wood; a life marked by grace, humility and patriotism. Don was an accomplished Hoosier, father, businessman, and patriot.

Born in the Midwest, and a native of Des Moines, Iowa, Don received a degree from Drake University and later an honorary degree from Ivy Tech Community College in Fort Wayne. Don's patriotism inspired him to enlist in the military, which led him overseas where he fought in the Korean War. Don reached the rank of corporal before receiving an honorable discharge.

After his service in the Army, Don worked in automobile manufacturing, as a journeyman toolmaker and later as a salesman. After several years in auto-manufacturing sales, Don, with his sons, opened their own manufacturing company, 80/20 manufacturing. The largest T-slotted aluminum building system in the United States, the company employs more than 400 workers in my hometown of Columbia City, Indiana.

Don saw his success as a blessing, but also a responsibility. He created the Donald F. Wood and Darlene M. Richardson Foundation with his wife, and started the 80/20 Foundation Trust, both dedicated to helping those in need. Don was willing to give his time, as well as his money, to enhance Northeast Indiana's community. A life-long music lover, he was a member of the board of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, as well as the Fluid Power society.

At his core, Don was a family man. He had three sons and a daughter, two of whom raised families in Fort Wayne.

Madam Speaker, Don was the type of father, and leader, that embodies the values that make the United States and Indiana so special. His death has struck us a great loss; only because he contributed so much in life—to this country, to our state, and to his family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOUGHLIN DOUGLAS FOR RECEIVING THE SPORTS MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP FROM MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Loughlin Douglas from Tompkins High School for receiving a Sports Medicine scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

Loughlin received this scholarship through distinguished service students provide through KISD athletic programs. For 12 years, Memorial Hermann Katy has awarded these scholarships to KISD students who are worthy of this recognition, and Loughlin rightfully earned this award. Loughlin is planning on continuing her studies at the University of North Texas. We wish her the best of luck in her future career.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Loughlin Douglas on receiving the Sports Medicine Scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UIC JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Representative DANNY K. DAVIS, to recognize the establishment of Chicago's first and only public law school, the UIC John Marshall Law School.

In July 2018, the boards of trustees of the University of Illinois and The John Marshall Law School voted to approve the acquisition of The John Marshall Law School by UIC. The inaugural class matriculated this fall.

UIC is Chicago's only public research university and one of the most diverse universities in the nation. UIC is an integral part of Chicago's educational, technological, and cultural fabric. The John Marshall Law School, founded in 1899, has been a pioneer in legal education with top-ranked programs in lawyering skills, trial advocacy, and intellectual property. It is one of the most diverse law schools in the country and has a long history of providing pro bono services. Both UIC and The John Marshall Law School have track records of excellence in research and scholarship, access for underserved students, and service to Chicago and its people.

The acquisition provides current and prospective law students with a more affordable legal education and enhanced student services, including access to health care services, recreational facilities, residence halls, and college athletics. Additionally, this acquisition will create opportunities for interdisciplinary courses and new joint and dual-degree programs.

The establishment of the UIC John Marshall Law School complements other University efforts to advance innovation and opportunity in higher education. These efforts include the recent openings of UIC's Engineering Innovation Building and Academic and Residential Complex to address UIC's continued growth and record enrollment gains.

As a 1996 graduate of the John Marshall Law School, I am excited to express my support for the UIC John Marshall Law School. My colleague, Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS, who represents UIC, shares in this excitement. We extend the best of luck to both institutions as they welcome their first class.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRIS WADAS ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native, Chris Wadas. This year, Chris was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame at the 35th annual dinner on August 11, 2019 for his distinct athletic achievements as a runner.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

As an athlete at Misericordia University, Chris was a 4-time MVP, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Mid-east All-Region selection, 3-time Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) individual conference champion, 4 time All-Conference, and he helped lead the team to 4 PAC team titles. In track and field, he was the 2005 team MVP and All-Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) in the 10,000 meters. In indoor track, he set the school record at 1500 meters. In outdoor track, he holds the 3,000 meter school record and is on the all-time Misericordia top 10 list for 1500 meters, 5,000 meters, 3,000 meters and 10,000 meters. Chris is a member of the Misericordia University Athletics Hall of Fame and was the 2004 Misericordia University Wendy's Athlete of the Year.

Chris continued running after college, boasting impressive finishes and numerous wins in races across Pennsylvania. Since then, he has run for the Inside Track Running Store, Keystone Track Club, and the National Running Center.

Currently, Chris is a track and cross country coach at Misericordia University. In his 13 years of coaching, his teams have won 10 Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) titles, 4 in cross country, 4 in indoor track and field, and 2 in outdoor track and field. In addition, his teams have won one PAC men's title in cross country and one women's outdoor ECAC title. Chris was named two-time NCAA Mid-east Regional Head Coach of the Year. He was also named MAC Coach of the Year 10 times in his 13 years of coaching.

It is an honor to recognize Chris on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. MARLYN SHREVE

### HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the life and legacy of Mrs. Marlyn Shreve of Taylor County. For many years Mrs. Shreve was an integral part of her community and showcased her dedication to serving others. On behalf of the First District of Kentucky, it is my privilege to honor her memory and service to her community today.

Mrs. Shreve's extensive community involvement was demonstrated through her exemplary work on notable boards and clubs in Campbellsville, KY. She was an active member of the Taylor County Republican Women's Club since 1971, serving as President twice. The second time she served as President began in 1999, making her the club's longest serving club president. She also held the offices of Treasurer, Vice President and Vice Chair throughout her 49-year club tenure.

A true pioneer, Mrs. Shreve was the first woman elected to her local Board of Education which she served on for a total of eight years. In addition to her community involvement, Mrs. Shreve had an extensive career

from adulthood to retirement working as a machine operator at the Fruit of the Loom. Her life in the church also served as an inspiration to others. As an active member at Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Mrs. Shreve emphasized the important work of women's mission groups within the Church.

Mrs. Shreve's 52-year marriage to Kenneth Shreve is a testament to their steadfast love, and her outstanding legacy will undoubtedly live on with her husband Kenneth, their two children, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Again, I am very grateful to have the opportunity to recognize Mrs. Shreve's tireless service to her community, church, and family and to honor her many outstanding lifelong accomplishment.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO REMAIN IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce a bill that would require the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) headquarters to remain in the National Capital Region (NCR). My bill would require BLM's headquarters, as well as positions already located in the NCR on the date of the enactment of the bill, to remain located in the NCR. The bill is cosponsored by Representatives ANTHONY BROWN, GERALD CONNOLLY, STENY HOYER, JAMIE RASKIN, C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER, JOHN SARBANES, DAVID TRONE and JENNIFER WEXTON.

My bill should not be needed, as more than 95 percent of BLM staff already work outside of the NCR, undoubtedly because of where land under BLM jurisdiction is located. The small number of employees at headquarters serve the indispensable role of keeping Congress and the president informed of its activities. Congress cannot do its work to write laws and engage in vital oversight without the unvarnished facts that nonpartisan agencies, like BLM, provide. The Washington Post reports that the Trump administration's plans to relocate most of the BLM's D.C. workforce outside of the NCR will impact roughly 300 employees. The administration's attempt to move BLM employees mirrors attempts by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to illegally move two of its agencies from the NCR to Kansas City.

In July, reports emerged that employees are deserting these two USDA agencies in high numbers, devastating parts of these agencies. Unless measures are taken to stop the reorganization of BLM, the same outcome could await this agency. Losses of BLM headquarters staff would directly hurt public lands and impact hundreds of federal employees and their families.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JOY A. GALLAGHER ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native, Joy Gallagher. This year, Joy was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame on August 11, 2019 for her distinct athletic achievements.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Joy began her athletic career at Hazleton Area High School as a four-letter winner in basketball, softball, and volleyball. In basketball, she was three-time First Team Wyoming Valley Conference (WVC) All-Star and two-time WVC Player of the Year. She finished her high school career with 1,413 total points and was named MVP of the WVC Senior All-Star Game. In softball, Joy was a four-time First Team All-Star and MVP of the WVC and WVC Senior All-Star Game her senior year. In volleyball, she was a two-time selection to the WVC All-Star Team. Joy was named the Reading Eagle Lower Anthracite Female Athlete of the Year and won the prestigious Scotty Roman Award in 2002 for outstanding athlete, male or female, in the Hazleton Area. Joy was inducted into the Hazleton Area Sports Hall of Fame for her outstanding athletic achievements.

Joy was awarded a full athletic scholarship to Wagner College where she played basketball from 2002 to 2006. She is a member of the college's one thousand-point club and was named captain her senior year. While at Wagner, Joy excelled on the court. As a sophomore, she set the school's single game three-point record (11) against Boston University, and she led the NCAA Division 1 ranks with 3.5 three-point field goals made per game and broke the school's single-season record with 99 three-point field goals for the season. She holds the school career record for career three-point field goals made at 240. Joy was a Second Team All-District-1 Academic All-American her junior year and First Team Academic All-American District-1 her senior year. She was named the 2006 Northeast Conference (NEC) Student-Athlete of the Year and received a \$7,500.00 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, the first Wagner College recipient of this prestigious award.

Joy walked onto the softball team her senior year, recording a Northeast Conference (NEC) season high 21 game hitting streak while batting 0.333 and garnered second team All-NEC honors. Joy was selected for the Academic All-American softball team.

It is an honor to recognize Joy on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARCA BRISTO

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Marca Bristo. Marca was a powerful leader in the disability movement, the founder of Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago and co-founder of the National Council on Independent Living.

My husband Bob Creamer and I are heartbroken to lose a precious friend of more than four decades. Our country has lost an unparalleled fighter for the rights of people with disabilities. Our love goes out to our dear friend, Marca's husband Bob Kettlewell, their children and new granddaughter.

Marca will go down in history as one of the most influential leaders of the disability rights and independent living movements. Because of Marca, countless people have been freed from confining living arrangements and liberated to live independently in communities. She was the founder and long-time president of the premier advocacy organization for people with disabilities, Chicago-based Access Living. Marca played a central role in the passage of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act, and she was an important advisor to Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. She served in many major leadership positions in government and beyond, including broad coalitions of progressive organizations like Illinois Citizen Action. She relentlessly took on and often beat down obstacles that prevented people with disabilities from living full and productive lives. To her last breath, she was reaching out to elected officials and leaders, promoting a justice agenda. In fact, a week before she died, both my husband and I had serious strategic discussions with Marca where she gave us clear instructions about what needed to be done.

Marca was not just a disability rights leader but a fierce fighter for civil rights across the board—a champion of tearing down barriers and winning opportunity for all. We can never thank Marca enough for opening our eyes to barriers that were, and in too many cases, still are holding back people with disabilities. We will always hear her voice in our ears, pushing us to do more, and we will always heed her call to the best of our abilities.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO NOELLE WALKER FOR RECEIVING THE SPORTS MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP FROM MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Noelle Walker from Morton Ranch High School for receiving a Sports Medicine scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

Noelle received this scholarship through distinguished service students provide through KISD athletic programs. For 12 years, Memorial Hermann Katy has awarded these scholarships to KISD students who are worthy of this

recognition, and Noelle rightfully earned this award. Noelle is planning on continuing her studies at Texas Southern University, and we wish her the best of luck in her future career.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Noelle Walker on receiving the Sports Medicine Scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was absent due to being unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on Roll Call No. 516 and "Yea" on Roll Call No. 515.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTINE  
BUTTON STRUMSKI ON HER IN-  
DUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE  
COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor member of the Tunkhannock Little League Association and Northeastern Pennsylvania native, Christine Button Strumski. This year, Christine was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame at the 35th annual dinner on August 11, 2019 for her distinct achievements in the sport of softball.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Growing up in a time when sports like baseball were male-dominated, Christine became a trail-blazer for the inclusion of women in sports in the 1970s. In the 70s, the National Little League was sued by the National Organization for Women for discrimination based on sex. Christine would go on to help form the first girls' softball league in Tunkhannock. Dedicated to equality and inclusion, Christine commissioned the board to have a girls' team from the league participate in the State of Pennsylvania Baseball Tournament. The girls' league was so new at the time that one team would only have to win six games to become state champions. Despite the small number of competitors and a new league, the competition was fierce. Christine helped her team secure the first state girls' softball championship against Minersville.

Today, Christine is still actively involved in the Tunkhannock Little League Association. This past year, the girls secured another state championship title. Under her leadership, the team qualified for the Softball World Series in Portland, Oregon where they came in second.

Christine's dedication to equality and excellence has been an inspiration to all. Her service and willingness to stand and be counted in the uphill battle for equality in sports is admirable.

It is an honor to recognize Christine on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

#### "400 ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SLAVE ARRIVING IN AMERICA"

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE for anchoring this Special Order recognizing the 400th anniversary of the first slave arriving in America.

Four hundred years ago the first slave arrived in America, ships set sail from the west coast of Africa and in the process, began one of mankind's most inhumane practices: human bondage and slavery.

For two centuries, human beings—full of hopes and fears, dreams and concerns, ambition and anguish—were transported onto ships like chattel, and the lives of many forever changed.

The reverberations from this horrific series of acts—a transatlantic slave trade that touched the shores of a colony that came to be known as America, and later a democratic republic known as the United States of America—are unknown and worthy of exploration.

Approximately 4,000,000 Africans and their descendants were enslaved in the United States and colonies that became the United States from 1619 to 1865.

The institution of slavery was constitutionally and statutorily sanctioned by the Government of the United States from 1789 through 1865.

American Slavery is our country's original sin and its existence at the birth of our nation is a permanent scar on our country's founding documents, and on the venerated authors of those documents, and it is a legacy that continued well into the last century.

While it is nearly impossible to determine how the lives touched by slavery could have flourished in the absence of bondage, we have certain datum that permits us to examine how a subset of Americans—African Americans—have been affected by the callousness of involuntary servitude.

We know that in almost every segment of society—education, healthcare, jobs and wealth—the inequities that persist in America are more acutely and disproportionately felt in Black America.

This historic discrimination continues: African-Americans continue to suffer debilitating economic, educational, and health hardships including but not limited to having nearly 1,000,000 black people incarcerated; an unemployment rate more than twice the current white unemployment rate; and an average of less than  $\frac{1}{16}$  of the wealth of white families, a disparity which has worsened, not improved over time.

A closer look at the statistics reveals the stark disparity in these areas.

Black household wealth is less than one fifth of the national average.

The median black household had a net worth of just \$17,600 in 2016. Yet in that same year, the median white household held

\$171,000 in wealth while the national household median was \$97,300.

The black unemployment rate is 6.6 percent more than double the national unemployment rate.

Approximately 31 percent of black children live in poverty, compared to 11 percent of white children. The national average is 18 percent, which suggests that the percentage of black children living in poverty is more than 150 percent of the national average.

In the healthcare domain, the disparities suffered by African Americans is also troubling.

Over 20 percent of African Americans do not have health insurance, compared to a national average between 8.8 percent and 9.1 percent.

One in four African American women are uninsured.

Compared to the national average, African American adults are 20 percent more likely to suffer from asthma and three times more likely to die from it.

Black adults are 72 percent more likely to suffer from diabetes than average.

Black women are four times more likely to die from pregnancy related causes, such as embolisms, and pregnancy-related hypertension, than any other racial group.

In our nation, among children aged 19–35 months, black children were vaccinated at rates lower than white children: 68 percent versus 78 percent, respectively.

Education has often been called the key to unlocking social mobility.

African American students are less likely than white students to have access to college-ready courses.

In fact, in 2011–12, only 57 percent of black students had access to a full range of math and science courses necessary for college readiness, compared to with 81 percent of Asian American students and 71 percent of white students.

Black students spend less time in the classroom due to discipline, which further hinders their access to a quality education.

Black students are nearly two times as likely to be suspended without educational services as white students.

Black students are also 3.8 times as likely to receive one or more out-of-school suspensions as white students.

In addition, black children represent 19 percent of the nation's pre-school population, yet 47 percent of those receiving more than one out-of-school suspension.

School districts with the most students of color, on average, receive 15 percent less per student in state and local funding than the whitest districts.

And, of course, we cannot consider the disparities between black and white in America without considering the intersection of African Americans and the Criminal Justice system.

There are more Black men in bondage today who are incarcerated or under correctional control, than there were black men who were enslaved in the 1800s.

The United States locks up African American males at a rate 5.8 times higher than the most openly racist country in the world ever did:

South Africa under apartheid (1993), African American males: 851 per 100,000

United States (2006), African American males: 4,789 per 100,000

Incarceration is not an equal opportunity punishment. For example, incarceration rates in the United States by race were:



African Americans: 2,468 per 100,000  
 Latinos: 1,038 per 100,000  
 Whites: 409 per 100,000

African American offenders receive sentences that are 10 percent longer than white offenders for the same crimes and are 21 percent more likely to receive mandatory-minimum sentences than white defendants according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Looking at males aged 25–29 and by race, you can see what is going on even clearer:

For White males ages 25–29: 1,685 per 100,000.

For Latino males ages 25–29: 3,912 per 100,000.

For African American males ages 25–29: 11,695 per 100,000. (That's 11.7 percent of Black men in their late 20s.)

Overall, one in 50 murders is ruled justified—but when the killer is white and the victim is a black man, the figure climbs to one in six.

A handgun homicide is nine times more likely to be found justified—when the killer is white and the victim is a black man.

Handgun killings with a white shooter and a black male victim exhibit an even more dramatic bias: one in four is found justified.

But then again, we knew these inequities existed because for many Black Americans, these disparities are just a part of daily life.

This is why, in 1989, my predecessor as the most senior African American on this September Judiciary Committee, the honorable John Conyers, a past Chairman of this Committee introduced H.R. 40, legislation that would establish a commission to study and develop proposals attendant to reparations.

Though many thought it a lost cause, John Conyers believed that a day would come when our nation would need to account for the brutal mistreatment of African-Americans during chattel slavery, Jim Crow segregation and the enduring structural racism endemic to our society.

I would like to take this moment to personally thank the estimable John Conyers for his work on this legislation for the last thirty years.

With the rise and normalization of white supremacist expression during the Trump administration, the discussion of H.R. 40 and the concept of restorative justice have gained more urgency, garnering the attention of mainstream commentator, and illustrating the need for a national reckoning.

H.R. 40 is intended to create the framework for a national discussion on the enduring impact of slavery and its complex legacy to begin that necessary process of atonement.

The designation of this legislation as H.R. 40 is intended to memorialize the promise made by General William T. Sherman, in his 1865 Special Field Order No. 15, to redistribute 400,000 acres of formerly Confederate owned coastal land in South Carolina and Florida, subdivided into 40 acre plots.

Since its introduction, H.R. 40 has acted to spur some governmental acknowledgement of the sin of slavery, but most often the response has taken the form of an apology.

However, even the well intentioned commitments to examine the historical and modern day implications of slavery by the Clinton administration fell short of the mark and failed to inspire substantive public discourse.

Since my reintroduction of H.R. 40 at the beginning of this Congress, both the legislation and concept of reparations have become the focus of national debate.

For many, it is apparent that the success of the Obama administration has unleashed a backlash of racism and intolerance that is an echo of America's dark past which has yet to be exorcised from the national consciousness.

Commentators have turned to H.R. 40 as a response to formally begin the process of analyzing, confronting and atoning for these dark chapters of American history.

Even conservative voices, like that of New York Times columnist David Brooks, are starting to give the reparations cause the hearing it deserves, observing that "Reparations are a drastic policy and hard to execute, but the very act of talking and designing them heals a wound and opens a new story."

Similarly, a majority of the Democratic presidential contenders have turned to H.R. 40 as a tool for reconciliation, with 17 cosponsoring or claiming they would sign the bill into law if elected.

Though critics have argued that the idea of reparations is unworkable politically or financially, their focus on money misses the point of the H.R. 40 commission's mandate.

The goal of these historical investigations is to bring American society to a new reckoning with how our past affects the current conditions of African-Americans and to make America a better place by helping the truly disadvantaged.

Consequently, the reparations movement does not focus on payments to individuals, but to remedies that can be created in as many forms necessary to equitably address the many kinds of injuries sustained from chattel slavery and its continuing vestiges.

To merely focus on finance is an empty gesture and betrays a lack of understanding of the depth of the unaddressed moral issues that continue to haunt this nation.

While it might be convenient to assume that we can address the current divisive racial and political climate in our nation through race neutral means, experience shows that we have not escaped our history.

By passing H.R. 40, Congress can start a movement toward the national reckoning we need to bridge racial divides.

Reparations are ultimately about respect and reconciliation—and the hope that one day, all Americans can walk together toward a more just future.

We owe it to those who were ripped from their homes those many years ago an ocean away; we owe it to the millions of Americans—yes they were Americans—who were born into bondage, knew a life of servitude, and died anonymous deaths, as prisoners of this system.

We owe it to the millions of descendants of these slaves, for they are the heirs to a society of inequities and indignities that naturally filled the vacuum after slavery was formally abolished 154 years ago.

And let me end as I began, noting that this year is the 400th commemoration of the 1619 arrival of the first captive Africans in English North America, at Point Comfort, Virginia.

Let us proceed with the cause of this morning with a full heart, with the knowledge that this work will take time and trust.

Let us also do with the spirit of reconciliation and understanding that this bill represents.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to help address the harm that slavery has had on our nation by supporting H.R. 40.

#### COACH FRANKLIN POST-GAME INTERVIEW

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Penn State Quarterback Michael Shuster, who was highlighted by Head Coach James Franklin in a post-game interview.

A reporter asked, "Coach, you mentioned the reaction when Nick Eury scored the touchdown. Can you talk about the quarterback that engineered the final drive and what you said to him and set up for him?"

Coach Franklin responded by saying, "He's another guy. Michael Shuster has been phenomenal. I'm not sure if this is the right decision or not, but he has started leaning into coaching. He already got a job offer in the real world. He just does a great job for us. He's like having another coach. He takes a lot of pride in it. He's been a fantastic student, a fantastic teammate. I'm a huge Shuster fan. He brings a lot of value to our organization."

Congratulations to Michael Shuster on a great drive in week one of the Penn State football season.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. THELMA ROMBERGER

#### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Thelma Romberger, a resident of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, who is celebrating 100 years young on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

Mrs. Romberger was born in her grandmother's farmhouse in rural Carlisle and has since claimed Southcentral Pennsylvania as her lifelong home. She married her husband of 53 years, World War II Veteran Chester E. Romberger, in May of 1941. Throughout her life, Mrs. Romberger owned and operated both a grocery store and a mobile home park; she also mowed her own grass with a push lawn mower well into her eighties.

She previously enjoyed camping and is now both an avid salt and pepper shaker collector and Checkers player.

I join Thelma's friends and family in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day, and in celebrating her life and contributions to our great Commonwealth and Country.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I extend God's blessings and my heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Thelma Romberger on her 100th Birthday.



IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH "BO" ORLANDO ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph "Bo" Orlando, who was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame on August 11, 2019 for his outstanding athletic achievements in the sport of football.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Bo's storied athletic career began at Berwick High School, where he led the team to a 13-0 record and a USA Today National Championship as quarterback in 1983. Following high school, Bo took his athletic talents to West Virginia University. During his time with the Mountaineers, he helped lead the team to an undefeated season in 1988 while earning the reputation as one of the best defensive players in the school's history.

After graduating college, Bo entered the 1989 NFL Draft and was selected in the 6th round as the 157th pick by the Houston Oilers. Bo remained with the Oilers for 5 seasons, where he had 7 interceptions. After leaving Houston, Bo played for the San Diego Chargers and became the second leading tackler on the team. Bo also went on to lead the Cincinnati Bengals in tackles during the 1996-1997 season. He finished his professional career in 1998 with the Pittsburgh Steelers. During his time in the NFL, Bo amassed 10 interceptions and 2 sacks.

Throughout his decades of football experience, Bo received numerous awards for his remarkable performance on the field. In high school, Bo was named an All-Conference player in 1982-1983, Berwick MVP in 1982-1983, a 1983 All-State Defensive Back, a 1983 high school All-American, and a 1984 Big 33 player. In 1988 while at WVU, he earned 1st team All Big East Defensive Back, Defensive MVP, and was an Almanac All-American. Bo's alma mater, West Virginia University inducted him into the West Virginia University Sports Hall of Fame. Today, Bo remains involved in sports, serving as the athletic director at Berwick Area High School.

It is an honor to recognize Bo on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SABRINA HAAGENSON FOR RECEIVING THE SPORTS MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP FROM MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sabrina Haagenson from Katy

High School for receiving a Sports Medicine scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

Sabrina received this scholarship through distinguished service students provide through KISD athletic programs. For 12 years, Memorial Hermann Katy has awarded these scholarships to KISD students who are worthy of this recognition, and Sabrina rightfully earned this award. Sabrina is planning on continuing her studies at Marietta College, and we wish her the best of luck in her future career.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Sabrina Haagenson on receiving the Sports Medicine Scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. LEONARD CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO

### HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. HURD of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of St. Leonard Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas. Since its establishment in 1959, St. Leonard has become a fixture in San Antonio's southside community. Over the last 60 years, the church has created a rich history of service to the community and dedication to its parishioners.

As St. Leonard Catholic Church marks its diamond jubilee, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Father Eduardo Martinez and the parish on behalf of the Twenty-third Congressional District of Texas. I hope you all have a wonderful celebration and may God continue to bless the congregation and its dedication to serving the community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating St. Leonard Catholic Church on its 60th anniversary.

THANKING MS. VICTORIA WARMOUTH FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

### HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Victoria Warmouth for her exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Budget Liaison for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller). Ms. Warmouth is transitioning from her present assignment to serve as a Legislative Liaison for the United States Forces Korea.

Victoria is a proud native of Palm Harbor, Florida, which is located on the west coast of the state outside of Tampa. She earned a bachelor's degree in both Political Science and International Affairs at Florida State University, and a master's degree in International Affairs, Comparative and Regional Studies Europe from American University in Washington, D.C.

Victoria has served in numerous positions during her professional career. She worked in the House of Representatives for over six years, primarily for the late Honorable C.W. Bill Young (R-FL-13), Chairman of the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee for Defense and Chairman Emeritus of the full House Appropriations Committee. During her time in Chairman Young's office, Victoria served in several different roles, including Legislative Assistant and Senior Policy Advisor. Victoria's primary responsibilities included managing the Appropriations Committee portfolio for six subcommittees, analyzing seventy-six department and agency budget requests in the President's budget submission, and developing legislative priorities on a wide portfolio of issues. Following Representative David W. Jolly's special election victory in March 2014, Victoria coordinated the opening of his Washington, D.C. office, submitting all of his Fiscal Year 2015 appropriation requests and preparing new legislation that was introduced in the House of Representatives.

In SAFM-BUL, Victoria served as the Congressional Analyst prior to her promotion to the Congressional Strategist. While serving as the Congressional Analyst, Victoria performed a variety of functions, including providing analytical and advisory support to senior Army management officials on the appropriations process and coordinating information provided to House and Senate Appropriations Committees. In her role as the Congressional Strategist, Victoria analyzes and synthesizes data from a variety of Army and congressional sources to develop measurable and comprehensive Congressional Engagement Strategies for Army senior leaders, including congressional marks appeals to advance the Army's appropriations priorities.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to work with Ms. Victoria Warmouth during my tenure on the House Appropriations Committee. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Vicki for her service to our country, and we wish her all the best as she continues her service to the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF ED ACKERMAN, RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 MEDIA AWARD FROM THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor sports writer Ed Ackerman. Ed received the 2019 Media Award from the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame at the 35th annual dinner on August 11, 2019 for his remarkable career in journalism.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Starting at 17 years of age, Ed began his storied sports writing career for Pittston's Sunday Dispatch. For 52 years, Ed has covered some of the most seminal moments in Pittston

sports history. From reporting on the undefeated Pittston Area High School football team to breaking the news that one of the most recruited running backs in the country, Jimmy Cefalo, elected to attend Penn State University, Ed has been at the forefront of Pittston sports history.

Ed has served in various journalistic positions throughout his five-decade career. In the early 1980s, Ed was the managing editor of the Sunday Dispatch in Pittston. His personal column has been running for over 30 years and continues today, appearing in the Greater Pittston Progress. In addition to writing, Ed serves as a full-time professor of Communication Arts at Luzerne County Community College, where he has taught since 1990. Ed is also heavily involved in his community as a member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Pittston Lettermen's Club and is currently the longest serving member of the Citizens Advisory Board of the Greater Pittston Salvation Army.

Ed's outstanding work has not gone unnoticed. For his column, the Pennsylvania Newspapers Publishing Association honored him with a First Place Keystone Award. Additionally, Ed received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development, and the Pittston Memorial Library presented Ed with the Jean Yates Award for his service to the library. The Greater Pittston YMCA awarded Ed with a lifetime achievement award in 2016. Further, his likeness appears in the Pittston Inspiration Mural, forever cementing him as a fixture of the Pittston community.

It is an honor to recognize Ed as the recipient of the 2019 Media Award from the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and journalism career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvanians striving for excellence.

#### CONGRATULATING CHERYL RAWLINGS

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor The Realtor Active in Politics of the Year Award, Cheryl Rawlings. This award recognizes an individual who has significantly advanced the legislative agenda of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors through political involvement.

Cheryl has worked tirelessly to advance realtor interests for more than 15 years. Throughout her time as a member of the association, Rawlings personally advocated for realtor issues on the federal, state and local level, developing key relationships with elected officials in the Allegheny Highlands area and across the Commonwealth.

Since 2002, she has served as key a contact for her Member of Congress through the National Association of Realtors Federal Political Coordinator program. Beginning with retired Congressman Bill Shuster and continuing with myself, Rawlings has served as the key liaison to her local representatives on behalf of NAR.

Since 2017, Rawlings has served on the NAR committee guiding and serving Federal Political Coordinators across the country.

At the state level, Rawlings has served as the key contact to many members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives, educating her elected officials about issues of importance to realtors and property owners.

She also has been an active participant at her local realtor association, the Allegheny-Highland Association of Realtors.

For more than 15 years, Rawlings has quietly served as a Realtor political and grassroots activist and campaign volunteer for a host of legislators and candidates, and she is a deserving recipient of this year's RAP Award for her many years of service.

It is a privilege to congratulate Cheryl Rawlings on this incredible honor.

#### RECOGNIZING MATTHEW AND KRISTIN LUNDGREN OF BILLINGS

#### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Matt and Kristin Lundgren of Billings, Montana for their years of service and support to charitable organizations in the Billings community.

It takes special kinds of people to dedicate their life to service. Matt and Kristin have impacted many lives in their community, helping to equip people and nonprofit organizations with the tools they need to succeed.

Matt has over 25 years of experience with youth development as well as business and nonprofit management. He serves as executive director of the Billings Leadership Foundation, which includes the Friendship House in Billings and the Montana Rescue Mission which aims to improve nonprofits' impact in their community.

"It's the Billings Leadership Foundation model where we can serve multiple nonprofits with the back-office skills that we've learned to help the front-office program-level stuff be more effective, more efficient," Matt said.

Similarly, Kristin is the Director of Impact at the United Way, a charitable giving foundation that partners with other nonprofits and organizations to help identify and meet the community's biggest needs. The projects and partnerships aim to mobilize the caring power of the community, including improving kindergarten readiness and helping make changes to Montana211.org, an online directory for the region's resources.

She is also a part of the Yellowstone County Best Beginnings coalition, which focuses on increasing parents' access to support. The coalition "seeks to get children on the right trajectory for life," said Kristin. That mission builds a stronger community where our kids have the tools they need to succeed.

Madam Speaker, for their dedication to community, efforts to build successful nonprofits, and commitment to providing children with the tools they need to thrive, I recognize Matthew and Kristin Lundgren for their spirit of Montana.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROLINE CANTERBURY FOR RECEIVING THE SPORTS MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP FROM MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Caroline Canterbury from Seven Lakes High School for receiving a Sports Medicine scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

Caroline received this scholarship through distinguished service students provide through KISD athletic programs. For 12 years, Memorial Hermann Katy has awarded these scholarships to KISD students who are worthy of this recognition, and Caroline rightfully earned this award. Caroline is planning to continue her studies at Texas Tech University. We wish her the best of luck in her future career.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Caroline Canterbury on receiving the Sports Medicine Scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MORGAN ALAINA CRAFT ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Morgan Alaina Craft. This year, Morgan was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame on August 11, 2019 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of skeet shooting.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Morgan was born and raised in rural Sullivan County, Pennsylvania where she grew up with a passion for shooting and the outdoors. When she was 7, she began shooting .22 rifles with the Sullivan County 4H program. Her family played a key role in implementing a shotgun shooting program as a varsity sport at her high school. Always athletic and competitive, Morgan enjoyed playing basketball and soccer throughout junior and senior high but shooting remained her true passion. Olympic skeet shooting soon caught her eye, and in 2008, she competed in her first National Championship in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Morgan continued her education at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, earning a bachelor's degree in exercise science. While at Lindenwood, she helped lead her team to win the Collegiate National Championship three years in a row. She also won an individual gold medal at the 2012 ACUI Collegiate National Championship.

As she continued her shooting career with the Junior Olympic Team and the United

States National Team, Morgan traveled all over the world to compete. In 2012, Morgan competed in the Olympic Trials and was named team alternate for the London Olympic Games. Her alternate status drove her to reach even higher. She was named USA Shooting's Women's National Champion in 2014 and Female Shooter of the Year in 2015. In 2015, she won silver and bronze World Cup medals and a gold at the 51st International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championships, securing one of the two spots for Team USA at the 2016 Summer Olympics. In 2016, she added a gold World Cup medal to her collection and competed at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She earned a spot in the Olympic final by winning a three-way shoot-off against Argentina and Russia. Morgan finished in fifth place in Rio.

It is an honor to recognize Morgan on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

#### REMEMBERING MARGERY MAGILL

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Margery Magill, a Yuba City native and UC Davis alumnus who embodied the American spirit of positivity and devotion to one's community.

Born in 1992 to her parents Jeff and Bonnie, Margery grew up on the family ranch in Yuba City with her sister Raeann. From a young age, Margery developed a passion for both agricultural issues and helping those around her. This passion led her to UC Davis, where she majored in International Agricultural Development.

As a student at UC Davis, Margery engaged with her community beyond the classroom and volunteered in extracurricular programs. She served as an Aggie Ambassador for four years, as a peer advisor in student housing, and participated in the UC Davis Washington Program. Her passion for travel brought her to over 27 countries across the globe. While abroad, she participated in several programs to help improve foreign agricultural communities and was a strong advocate for women's rights in Turkey.

After completing her undergraduate career, Margery worked at the Jane Goodall Institute and subsequently went on to complete her master's degree in International Relations at the University of Westminster in London. Following her time in London, Margery returned to Washington, D.C. to pursue a burgeoning career in environmental and agricultural development.

In life, Margery exemplified the promise of what optimism and passion for one's work can achieve. In the wake of her loss, the mark she undoubtedly left on those whose paths she crossed around the world ensures a lasting legacy that will endure for many years to come. My prayers and thoughts are with her family and friends in this difficult time.

#### HONORING AVIATION MACHINIST MATE FIRST CLASS BERNARD BARTUSIAK ON HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Aviation Machinist Mate First Class Bernard Bartusiak of Chicago, Illinois, who is being honored with two Distinguished Flying Cross medals and seven additional service medals. Mr. Bartusiak is a veteran who bravely served our nation in the United States Navy during World War II.

Even as a young boy, Mr. Bartusiak felt a sense of duty to his community and his country. Since he was ten years old his dream was to join the United States Navy Air Force and at seventeen, he realized his dream and enlisted. Mr. Bartusiak served as a Navy Flight Engineer and bravely flew in over forty combat missions during World War II.

Following the war, Mr. Bartusiak worked as a corporate accountant before opening his own accounting and tax service. He was married to Dolores for 65 years and they raised two daughters together, Candy and Jill. He now has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Bartusiak is a loving father, grandfather, and friend to many.

For Mr. Bartusiak's heroism and extraordinary achievement as aircrew of a PB4Y Liberator Aircraft in the European Theater of World War II, he has been awarded two Distinguished Flying Cross medals as well as seven additional service medals. These decorations exemplify Mr. Bartusiak's dedication to the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment, as well as his country.

Mr. Bartusiak's sacrifice and dedication to our country are an inspiration to us all. He is a man who defended our country at a time of tremendous need. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his service, bravery, and dedication to his family and community.

#### RECOGNIZING THE BAT MITZVA OF LEAH WENDY SELTZER

#### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Representatives ALCEE HASTINGS and DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, in honor of Leah Seltzer on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Kol Tikvah in Parkland, Florida. We know that Leah has been eagerly looking forward to this moment, and we are honored to share this special day with her friends and family.

As a seventh grader at Donna Klein Jewish Academy, she excels at English and Art where she is known by her classmates and teachers to have a great eye for detail. Outside of the classroom, Leah loves to sing, dance, and play soccer, as well as travel with her whole extended family.

Leah's passions also include helping less fortunate members of her community, through programs organized by the Children's Services

Council of Broward County. Her Bat Mitzvah project, which was making peanut butter and jelly lunches and stocking shelves for LifeNet for Families, further speaks to this passion and demonstrates that Leah lives by the Hebrew phrase "Tikkun Olam", to repair the world.

We join in wishing "Mazel Tov" to Leah and her family. We also wish her every success in her promising future as she continues her personal and academic pursuits. It is with great pleasure that we honor this remarkable young woman on her special day.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CLEAR LAKE AME CHURCH FOR ITS CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

#### HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Clear Lake African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) for nearly three decades of Christian ministry in the Clear Lake area of Houston, Texas and the dedication of their new church home. The church is growing, both in membership and spiritual richness and has embraced its mission statement, "Kingdom Building, One Soul at a Time."

The first meeting to organize an AME church in the Clear Lake City area began with prayer and praise on August 18, 1992 in the home of Reverend Brenda Payne and her family. Bro. Jerry Payne led the praise service, Presiding Elder X. L. Williams of the South Houston District read the scripture, and Rev. Payne offered prayer. There were nine adults and five children present at the very first worship service.

In October 1992 at the Texas Annual Conference held at Shiloh AME Church in Galveston, Texas, Bishop John R. Bryant formally gave Rev. Brenda Payne an appointment to begin a mission church in the Clear Lake area. On November 29, 1992, Clear Lake AME, held its first 11 AM worship service at the Piper's Meadow Community Center in Webster, Texas. Bible study continued initially in the home of the pastor until it was moved to the Piper's Meadow Community Center in July 1993. Clear Lake added Sunday Church School at Piper's Meadow on January 9, 1994.

On March 3, 1995, Clear Lake AME glorified God for the first time in a new "home" located on El Camino Real road. The Nehemiah Ministry under the direction of Wilbert Williams, built an altar and carpeted the pulpit area, helping to transform the former office space into a church sanctuary. On April 16, 1996, Clear Lake AME Church purchased 3.5 acres near the NASA Johnson Space Center and the University of Houston—Clear Lake. This land is believed to be the first church property purchased by African Americans in the historic Clear Lake area.

In October 1999, Clear Lake AME Church, joined with Primm Chapel AME Church, La-Marque, Reedy Chapel AME Church, Galveston, and St. James AME Church, Dickinson to form the "Mainland 4." The four churches, though small in numerical size, hosted the Texas Annual Conference.

At the 134th Session of the Texas Annual Conference in October 2000, Bishop McKinley

Young appointed Rev. Arthur Ferguson, Pastor of Clear Lake AME Church. Rev. Arthur Ferguson preached the gospel of peace, love, and reconciliation, preparing the church to grow and become a beacon in the Clear Lake community.

On Saturday, November 18, 2006, at the Post Conference Planning Meeting of the Texas Annual Conference, Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate, appointed Reverend Kevin L. Hodge, to serve as Pastor of Clear Lake AME Church. Pastor Hodge and his new bride, First Lady LaShawn Hodge came with a vision to take the congregation "to the next level" of spiritual growth, church construction, and church expansion.

On Sunday, February 17, 2013, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie moved Pastor and Sister Hodge to a ministry at Shiloh AME Church in Galveston, Texas. On Friday, March 8, 2013, Reverend Derrick Cyprian was appointed Pastor of Clear Lake AME Church. Rev. Cyprian, his wife Chalita, and their two sons, Derrick and Jared, came with excitement and a desire to help the community reach their committed goals: to grow spiritually, increase God's kingdom, and build a home sanctuary to house Clear Lake AME Church ministries. By the grace of God, this was fulfilled and the sanctuary was completed. Clear Lake AME Church held its inaugural worship service in its new home on Sunday, May 12, 2019 and the new sanctuary was dedicated on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

The Clear Lake African Methodist Episcopal Church is committed to fulfilling the Great Commission through worship, fellowship, youth programs, outreach initiatives, and Christian education. The Lord has used this church as an amazing witness and we are privileged to have such a place of worship in the 36th Congressional District of Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BREANNE VEEDER FOR RECEIVING THE SPORTS MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP FROM MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Breanne Veeder from Cinco Ranch High School for receiving a Sports Medicine scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

Breanne received this scholarship through distinguished service students provide through KISD athletic programs. For 12 years, Memorial Hermann Katy has awarded these scholarships to KISD students who are worthy of this recognition, and Breanne rightfully earned this award. Breanne is planning to continue her studies at the University of Texas San Antonio. We wish her the best of luck in her future career.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Breanne Veeder on receiving the Sports Medicine Scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAURA WHALEN SLANE ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native, Laura Whalen Slane. This year, Laura was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame at the 35th annual dinner on August 11, 2019 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of field hockey.

Every year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame

and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Laura is a graduate of Crestwood High School's Class of 1996. There she played several sports including basketball, soccer, track and field, and field hockey. In 1995, Laura was named field hockey team captain and helped her team secure the AAA District Championship. For her impressive efforts, she was placed on the All-Conference first team and the All-State second team. In addition to her many accomplishments in field hockey, she was also the captain of the basketball team and set a number of district track records.

After high school, Laura continued her excellence in sports at Rutgers University. During her time at Rutgers, she won several field hockey awards including The Mission Statement Award, The Coaches Award, Rutgers Defensive Player of the Year, and Team MVP. She also earned other honors during her college career, including Big East Player of the Week, Big East Academic All-Star, and Rutgers Player of the Year. She played on the Big East All-Conference team and was named a Division I Regional All-American. While helping her team accomplish six shut-out games, she succeeded in breaking the Rutgers school record for most defensive saves in a single season.

In addition to her stunning sports record, Laura pursued an academic career which led her to become world history teacher in New Jersey. She has taught at Warren Hills Regional School District for 16 years while coaching for the past 13 years. To date, her teams have only lost a total of 5 games under her leadership. Laura still has time to participate in other sports as well; she plays in a soccer league and runs 5ks and half-marathons when time allows. She is supported in her sports endeavors by her husband Roger and son Andrew.

It is an honor to recognize Laura on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her tremendous athletic career and service to the community be a source of inspiration to future athletes in Pennsylvania.